This is very important. Patients to the Chalakkudi Hospital have to be taken along this road. Sometimes the roads are knee-deep. They are not looked after. I have heard so many complaints from people that the roads are so bad that great inconvenience is felt by the patients going to the hospital. Formerly this road was attended to by the Engineering Department. Then the Panchayat took it up. Now the Panchayat does not care. The Chief Engineer also does not care. Nobody looks after it. Therefore I would request the Hon'ble Minister to see that this road is repaired.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, This is a Panchayat road. According to the new scheme, the Panchayat has to attend to this work. It is true that the condition of the road is not very good. But, for want of sufficient allotments for maintenance, all Panchayat roads are not up to the mark. It is after realising this that we have just now provided Rs. 10,000 more for the maintenance of these Panchayat roads. I think with this additional allotment, the Panchayat may be able to do something better at any rate. I shall bring this matter to the notice of the Panchayat, that the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi brought this matter to the notice of the Government and there was a discussion on the matter. I will place this fact before the Panchayat and it is up to them to decide whether they should utilise the maintenance amount for this work or for any other work. I would suggest to the Hon'ble Member to meet the Panchayatdars and bring it to their notice and see that this road is properly maintained. I hope with this statement the Hon'ble Member will withdraw his motion.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I shall see what I can do. The Hon'ble Minister knows personally the condition of the road and therefore he will also make some recommendation to the Panchayat. I therefore withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 5

Repairs to Muzhikkal Bridge

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi): "To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,051 for executive staff, by Re. 1. (To request the Government to repair the Muzhikkal bridge in the Melur village immediately. This bridge has been seriously damaged by the cyclone.)*

This bridge is considerably damaged by the cyclone. There is a temple there known as Edathrakkavu Temple. The Director of Public Instruction knows that temple. Members of the Royal Family also visit this temple. They don't go now because the bridge is damaged. It was constructed only in 1112 or so. On account of the cyclone, it was considerably damaged. I understand that it cannot be used by the public. The Panchayat has done something to patch up the work. It is thoroughly unfit for travelling by car. Therefore the Minister may see that it is repaired.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is true that the bridge has been damaged during the last cyclone and the work could not be carried out this year. It has been provided for in 1118 budget and it will be carried out next year.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I thank the Hon'ble Minister.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 6

Inadequate provision made for the maintenance of Cherochal chira

Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 7,070 for B. Irrigation—by Re. 1. (The inadequate provision made for the maintenance of Cherochal chira in Srimoola Nagaram Panchayat).*

After sending this cut motion, I have come to learn that this matter has been under correspondence with the Government and therefore I am not moving it.

Cut motion not moved, hence considered withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 7

Change of policy regarding the Village libraries

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 14,405 for Village Panchayats, by Re. 1. (To discuss the change of policy adopted by the Hon'ble Minister regarding the Village libraries).*

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